

### REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 5 and 35, 36 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richards in view of Petersen. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richards et al. in view of Peterson et al., and further in view of Welborn. Claims 6 to 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petersen in view of Hermach. Claims 9 to 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petersen in view of Hermach, and further in view of Welborn. Claims 31 to 34 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richards et al. in view of Peterson et al., and further in view of Welborn.

Claims 1 to 38 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 39 to 47 added.

### 35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claims 1 to 38 have been canceled and are being replaced by new claims 39 to 47.

Richards discloses a web-up apparatus and method whereby an unprinted web is unwound, slitted into ribbons, and only some of the unprinted ribbons are wound again. Whether the web is then discarded or not, the web during web-up is unprinted.

While Petersen discloses a web-fed rotary printing machine, it does not show a slitting device, transport devices, a former or a plow, or saddles or pockets.

Welborn teaches a compensating folder apparatus comprising a delivery conveyor for depositing signatures thereon.

Hermach teaches a compensating former fold having a plurality of former boards.

Claims 39 and 47 have been submitted to clarify the present invention.

Claim 39 now recites for example “a printed roll storage separate from the roll-to-roll printing press for storing the printed rolls; a first transport device, the first transport device transporting the printed rolls from the roll-to-roll printing press to the printed roll storage; an assembly device separate from the roll-to-roll printing press and separate from the printed roll storage, the assembly device including a first printed roll unwinding device and a second printed roll unwinding device” or “a second transport device, the second transport device transporting

the printed rolls from the printed roll storage to the assembly device; the assembly device further including a first folder and a second folder, the first folder accepting at least one first printed ribbon from the first printed roll unwinding device, the first folder having at least one of the group consisting of a first former and a first plow, the first folder further having a first cutting device and forming first signatures, the second folder accepting at least one second printed ribbon from the second printed roll unwinding device, the second folder having at least one of the group consisting of a second former and a second plow, the second folder further having a second cutting device and forming second signatures” or “the assembly device further including a conveyor, the conveyor having at least one of the group consisting of saddles and pockets, the conveyor collecting the first signatures and the second signatures and forming multi-page printed products.” None of the cited prior art shows these features as claimed.

Also, none of the cited prior art shows “slitting the printed web of material longitudinally to form a plurality of printed ribbons; winding the printed ribbons to form printed rolls; and transporting the printed rolls to a printed roll storage,” “transporting the printed rolls to an assembly device,” “unwinding the printed ribbons from the printed rolls; folding the printed ribbons using a former or a plow; cutting the printed and folded ribbons to form signatures; and collecting the signatures on saddles or in pockets to form multi-page printed products” as now claimed in claim 47

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

If any additional fee is required at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully Submitted,

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